

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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Full directions for reaching Ashland in next week's paper.

Bro. Shaver expected to hold a short series of meetings in the mountains of West Virginia, beginning about July 25th. May God give the increase.

The rates at the leading hotels for conference week will be \$1.50 per. day for a room and board. For two in one room \$1.00 per. day or .35 cts per. meal.

Will the sister living in Crellin, Garrett Co., Md. whose first name is Judith, please send her full name, that we may send the King's Children papers she has ordered.

Bro. D. V. Yoder of Milford, Ind., expects to hold a series of meetings at Sherwood, Ohio during August, but will close in time to come to Ashland for the convention.

We received a four page tract from the Brethren Tract Society of Phila., in which is given Martin Luther's opinion on the mode of baptism. The tract is well prepared and clearly shows the great reformers belief on this subject.

Brother A. F. Deeter, of Covina, Calif., has our sympathy in the loss of his first born and twelve year old son. Only the thought of how much better for him it was to depart and be with the Lord can reconcile us to such bereavements.

Bro. J. L. Kimmel writes, "Our communion at Middle Branch is past. Had a very good meeting. Three noble young ladies were added to the church by baptism, and the church is much encouraged. Pray for us, that we may be instrumental in doing much good."

The pastors of the Progressive and Universalist churches will exchange pulpits next Sunday morning. Rev. S. H. Bashor will preach at the church of the Redeemer, and Rev. J. M. Getchell will serve Mr. Bashor's people at Enon church. A pleasant and brotherly arrangement, and both congregations will be helped by most able ministrations. Friends and strangers cordially invited. — *Waterloo Courier*.

Nothing seems more stupid to us than the notion that great armies of men must submit to the dictation of one man in regard to deportment, character and time of labor and the wages therefor, with no alternative but to quit work. Where men stand equal, as they are supposed to do before the laws of the United States, no one firm should hold the life and destiny of ten thousand or more people in their hands.

We find some difference of opinion prevails with the Program committee as to how to get the kinks out of the arrangements for our National Conference as they were first published. We know no way to avoid confusion at this juncture of affairs other than to accept the suggestion of Brother Talley as published in last week's EVANGELIST. viz. Conference will begin Monday, August 27th, and close Wednesday August 29th.

In the pronunciation and spelling of words we often fall into the channel of thinking that we are right, without looking to see; this brings to mind the mistake of a great grammarian, who was also a lecturer and is the author of a noted text book. He said in one of his lectures that he went to hear a brother of Chas. Sumner deliver the opening address of one of our prominent colleges; taking out his note book he wrote down seven mistakes in pronunciation and in great glee returned home, opened his dictionary, — and learned how to pronounce seven words.

We read with pleasure an article written by one of our prospective students of Theology, and we can say that the young brother has a gift that comes not from man (for man can't get, neither can they give it) for it is a gift of God, namely the innate power compelling people to notice what he writes, or says. Let a man thus gifted, cultivate and understand this talent and he becomes the winner in the race. But there is a great danger for such a one, as vanity will creep in and the cause of Christ and the church of Christ which nurtured him, and held him up, and praised and loved him, will not satisfy, and he goes after this world and the things of this world, and enters the broader field (?) of politics, and God and God's cause, from whom and for whose cause the gift was given, is forgotten.

HOW TO HAVE GOD'S HELP.

"And when Elisha was come . . . he went in therefore and shut the door . . . and prayed unto the Lord." II Kings iv, 32, 33. All life-giving power comes from God, and the prophet knew this. All of his dependence just then was in the Lord God Omnipotent. Centuries later Jesus taught his disciples to always shut the door the first thing when they would talk with God;

and he also taught them by precept and example that the next thing to do after they had prayed was to do all they could to help answer the prayer they had made, and this was the very thing the prophet did. One reason why some of us do not have more prayers answered is because we stop praying as soon as we come out of our closets. The right kind of a prayer never stops. We forget that sometimes the most effective praying is done with hands and feet and brain and pocket-book. We say amen and quit just when we ought to press on with more earnestness, or we stay on our knees asking for bread when we ought to be out in the field doing something with a hoe. God help us to pray in a way that angels can understand, no matter whether they hear our words or not. "If I had as much wheat in the barn as you've got, papa, I'd answer that prayer myself," said a little boy to the stingy father who had prayed at the family altar for a man who needed bread. That boy had a true idea of prayer that some old men never get. — *The Ram's Horn*.

In the divine arrangement, we must pass through the waters of regeneration, in order to be adopted into the family of God, being justified by faith in obedience unto the ordinance of baptism, as taught and exemplified by our blessed Savior. The Father did not recognize him as his Son until he came up out of the waters of Jordan. Matt. 16, 17.

Since Jesus himself was not recognized as the Son of God until after his baptism, can we expect greater favor than he? God forbid that we should disregard this or any other positive command given us by divine inspiration; though they may appear unreasonable from a carnal standpoint. Though we cannot understand them, let us accept of them by faith and from the heart obey them, because God commanding them makes them right independent of any other principle.

It is the sinner's first duty to repent towards God (taking it for granted that he believes there is a God) and when he has thoroughly repented of all his former sins, he then must have a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He must believe that he died for his sins and rose from the dead for his justification and redemption. He must believe that Jesus is able and willing to save him, and then, through his saving and active faith, he must be "baptized for the remission of his sins," which brings him under the promise of pardon for sin, and the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts ii, 38, 39, reads, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." — *Gospel Messenger*.